

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 124

RESOLUTION CHAPTER 109

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 124—Relative to Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 124, Corbett. Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and The Longest Day.

This measure would recognize June 2014 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urge all residents to wear purple to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease. This measure would also recognize June 21, 2014, as The Longest Day in California and urge all residents to show their support on that day by wearing purple and engaging in a day of activities, honoring the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease.

WHEREAS, The month of June 2014 has been declared Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, The summer solstice, June 21, 2014, has been declared The Longest Day, with teams around the world coming together to honor the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease with a day of activity; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease, a progressive neurodegenerative brain disorder, tragically robs individuals of their memories and leads to progressive mental and physical impairments; and

WHEREAS, Worldwide, there are at least 44 million people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and without a change, these numbers are expected to grow to 76 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, An estimated 5 million people 65 years of age and over have Alzheimer's disease and another 200,000 people under 65 years of age have younger-onset Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and the fifth leading cause in California; and

WHEREAS, The human cost of Alzheimer's disease is staggering. In 2013, more than 15 million caregivers provided over 17 billion hours of unpaid care to people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; and

WHEREAS, The direct costs of caring for people with Alzheimer's disease to American society will total an estimated \$214 billion in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Estimates project that the costs of providing formal care to people with Alzheimer's disease in California will reach over \$30 billion a year by 2030; and

WHEREAS, There is currently no way to prevent, cure, or even slow down the progression of Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, Researchers in California and around the world continue their efforts to develop scientific breakthroughs that could one day bring about a world without Alzheimer's disease; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the individuals, families, friends, and caregivers dealing with Alzheimer's disease, and the researchers who are seeking a cause or cure; and

WHEREAS, In recognition of the efforts of the Alzheimer's Association to raise funds and promote awareness to fight Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, thereby improving the quality of human life for people living with Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Legislature recognizes June 2014 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and urges all residents to wear purple to help spread global awareness of the Alzheimer's Association's vision of imagining a world without Alzheimer's disease; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature recognizes June 21, 2014, as The Longest Day in California and urges all residents to show their support on that day by wearing purple and engaging in a day of activity, honoring the strength, passion, and endurance of people facing Alzheimer's disease; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.